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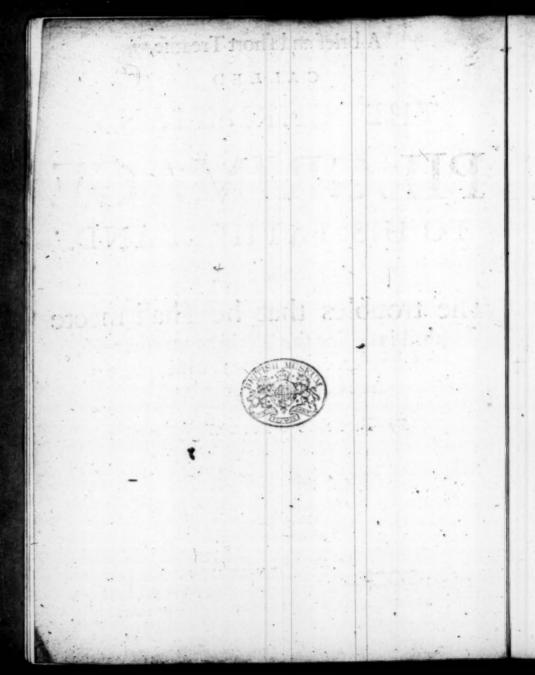
The troubles that he shall meete withall in passing this World as a wildernesse, to the Heavenly Canaan, which is the true Christians Fatherland.

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## Queene ELYZABETH,

All grace, peace and comfort from God
the Father of mercy, through Iesus Christ
our loving Lord and Saviour be multiplyed
unto you, and so lead your Majesty by his
H. Spirit through this world, as a wofull wildernesse, and bring your Highnes at the last
into his Heavenly Canaan, which is the dayly desire of your Majesties poore petitioner

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Aving hard and minded the manifold tryals & troubles, wherein the Lord hath exercise your Majesty, I have ofttimes purpofed some part of my poore labour, to preset unto your Lord and King (now at rest) but I was oftentimes hindred in things concerning myself, and most of

all through the grieveous afflictions that befell your A 2 Majefty.

Majefty. Your Highnes with many other may thinke it ftrange, that one so bace should be so bold or presume to present any thing to your Highnes hands, wanting learning, which thing I willingly confesse, for hee that giveth out his beste tallents, giveth to one five, to another two, and to another one, and yet may not that one be buried, but brought to the banke to the Lord, and owners prayle, and good of whomfoever it shall him please. I minding these things, and withall your Majesties lowly and lovely behaviour towards our country-men or women of meane estate, have bene emboldened now at the last to present unto your Highnes this fmall Treatife, shewing unto all, that the life of a true Christian, is no other then a Pilgrimage through this wildernesse unto our Heavenly Canaan. And these things have I written in fundry parts, first for fuch which through the great strife and contention in these dayes are forced to runne too and froe, feeking the truth. Secondly the Pilgrimage of Abraham & Sarah, our faithfull parents, and other of bace estate: Also of Hester, with hir Unckle Mordicai. And laftly some part of the worke of our loving Lord and Saviour Christ lefus in his Pilgrimage, to worke out our Redemption. These things have I brought forth according to the grace of God, given unto me, and acknowledging that my fight but dark, & my knowledge but in part, I doe humbly entreate your Majesty, and ech Godly Reader, through Christian love, to beare with my weaknes herein, and fo commit the iffue to the Almighty, who preserve your Majesties person from all your enimies, secret or open, strengthen you in. all cumbats inward & outward to the end; and then give your Highnes a Crowne of glory in Heaven for ever and ever, Amen, Soletit be, & Lord,

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## A Pilgrams Meditation, to let ech understand, The Christians Pilgrimation unto his Fatherland.

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Christ maketh declaration.

For such as seeke salvation,

Them counsell doeth aford,

Wills them make meditation,

Their prayers preparation,

By searching in his voord,

Which is a light, vill guyde them right,

Christ putting too his hand,

Will hold them fast, so they at last.



Ho now will take for his foules

To him we say, first learne the way,
The Scripture teacheth so.

Thus fayth the Lord fearch in my word. There thou the way shalt finde, Seeke him with hart, he will impart, And et thee know his minde. The Lord did tell to Damell
That in this latter day,
Many should goe both too and froe.
And aske after the way.

And how some wife should them at vise,

Lead them in right cousines.

And that the Lord would fuch reward,

Yea them for ever blesse.

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Christ doeth relate straight is the gate And narrow is the way,
In which regard bids us strife hard
Without shall many stay.

Take head to all that will the call, And fay come goe with me, The way I know and many moe, The way is faire and free.

I know it well and can thee tell From place to place throughout, Leave of to read common with speed There is no feare or doubt.

But goe thou on let them alone, Dispute not with such men, Whose words are faire, yet like a snare To draw the back againe.

For many preach and others teach, Yet they themselves are blinde, Pust up with pride, and cannot guyde Which many thousands finde.

But take thou head, the Scripture read, Then God will be thy guyde, Seafe not to pray both night and day, So shall thy foote not flyde.

Faith, hope and love from God above See that thou take with thee, Seeke them with hart, he will impart, For God is kinde and free.

What father is so hard to his Children, that as ke him bread, To give a stone, we see ech one Would have his children feed. Much more the Lord his Spirit aford To fuch as af ke in faith, It is the word that Christ our Lord Unto his servants sayth.

These gifts of grace where the take place The Lord doeth well approove, Amongst them all the principall Is faith that works by love.

Faith, hope and love are from above And may not be devided, Faith docth unfold, hope taketh hold, When both by love are guyded.

When man once hath obteyined faith, He is like thip forth fayling Upon the feas in ftorms alwayes, His currage often quayling.

When ftorms arife, then faith outcryes And will not leave of founding, Till he can fay, hope make a ftay For here is fure grounding.

Then hope in hafte will anker caft, Where faith bath found abiding, And keep the ship from fand and clip, So long as it lyes riding.

When ftorms are paste, then in all haste The anker up is taken, Faith will not fayle, but hoyst the sayle, And waight till winds doe waken.

Then fayles be forth, east, west, south,

As God shall give direction,
By rocks and sands, by fearefull lands,
Still finding Gods protection.

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Yea when storms rife in fearefull wife, And make thee pray with weeping, Thou shalt descerne, Christ at the sterne, Who then will not be sleeping.

But up will fland, the winds command And cease to cease their swelling, Which must obey, without delay, Gainst him is no rebelling.

Then gone is feare the Heaven neare, Where thou shalt make thy stay, In Fatherland at his right hand, To live with him for aye.

Thus much for all in generall, But now to you, O Queene, We shall relate those of hie state, Which here have Pilgrams bene.

As Paul doeth write and eke refight, The greater forte of olde, From age to age, their Pilgrimage Unto the Iewes unfould.

He brings a trayne in golden chayne, The lovely Patriarkes, Which did by faith, as there he faith, Great things, well he that marks.

This worke begun hee floeth anon.
In order fet them downe,
As Abell, Enoch, also Noah
Three men of great renowne.

But here we shall not fpeak of all,.
Though the were men of worth,
In other place, we touch there case,
But here wee chose on forth.

A faithfull man, whose life now can Learne us, if we take head, And have good care, because we are Accounted for his seed.

For Paul he faith, that we by faith, Are Abrams children, And if that we his children be, So are wee Pilgrams then.

If we refuse, we doe abuse, Christ Iesus in his word, Who tels us this, the servant is, Not better then his Lord.

This Abraham meeke as a lam, When God did call him forth, Left friends and land, and toke in hand A journey of great worth.

A Covenant the Lord did grant
To him and his for ever,
Who liu'd upright in his Gods fight,
Who also fayld him never.

With wife and Loth came thither,
And ranne his rafe from place to place
This fayd he knew not w bether.

For God did try him prefently,
Sent famin in the Land,
And then must be to Egypt flee,
Yet found Gods helping hand,

In Egypa

In Egypt there he liv'd in feare, Through bewty of his wife, He feared fore that some therefore Would take away his life.

Then Abram fought away he thought Would take away this feare, He fayd to all, both great and small That she his fifter weare.

When as the King, had heard this thing Tooke Sara into cort, But God therefore did plage him fore That small was his comfort.

Sent them away without delay From Egypt the must part, To Canaan and there anan, Hee tasted this like smart.

He fayd like thing unto the King Abimelech by name, Who tooke hir then from him againe, Yet God did help the fame.

The Lord him lov'd this King reproud, Who gave him hir againe, So strife did cease, and he had peace, Which did not long remaine.

He labored foore, diged wels ftore In that his time of reft, This Kingsheardme ftrove with him then And tooke away the best.

But Abram would not that it (hould Continue in their band, at an invent and He that redeems for that it feems at he was the best in land.

He loved deare, that water cleare, And held it all his life, Gave it a name, fit for the fame Call'd it the well of ftrife.

These trials heare kept him in feare, Yet were they not quiet done, The great it of all did him befall, When as he had a sonne.

Which must be tayne, and also slayne, And offred to the Lord, For sacrifice Abram likewise Did straight obey his word.

He tooke Isaack, layd on his backe The wood to make the fier, The Altar make the wood uplayd Then Isaac did inquire;

Now for the lamb. And Abraham Sayd, God would it provide, Layd him thereon, and thereupon Ae Angell to him cryde.

When he did ftand with knyffe in hand To flay his onely fonne, With words fo mild, kill not thy child, This work was now neare done.

Looking afide a Ram be fpyde And that he offred there, Thus God did proove his faith & love, And blefte him every where.

The Lord was nye and stood him by, And did increase his strength, That he went forth as man of worth, And won the pryse at length.

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For why truely he looked hie,
He fought a city faire,
Built by the Lord, who did aford
It him, who now is there.

Whose children all, both great & small Which seeke the things are best,
Their time well spend, shall in the end
Therein his bosome rest.

Though Sara weak, God would not break, The Covenant he made, Gave hir Isaack, of whom we spake, Which was a lively shade.

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For the at lenght, by faith got firenght Concev'd and bare this fonne, By faith alone, all finnes were gone By faith this prife the wonne.

Gods promis made, gave his faith ayde Where to the had an eye, Who made hir feed, as we may read Like starres upon the fkye.

Hir Daughters all, that follow shall Hir lowelynes in life, Made hir man Lord, in deed and word, Although the were his wife.

Who lov'd hir deare, yet Godly feare Made hir him reverence,
I doe not feare, the faithfull heare
At this will take offence.

Humility exalteth hie,

Be it with great or fmall, and await and When fuch as pride doe make their guyde

At length thall caches fall, and on had

Those parents bleft are at their red;
That ran a Godly race,
Now shall we know how God also 1477
Did high exalt the base, 12 10 10 11 11 haA

Rahab may not be quite forgat
Who did receve the fpyes,
Though the feem dlight by faith upright.
Found favour in Gods eyes.

She dwelt we know in Iereco, Which was a finfull city, These spyes came there in deadly seare, And she on them had pitty.

Was come to take the land,
And did beleeve that God would give
The fame into his hand.

These spyes were sought, but she so wroght,
That thee preserved were,
Who let hir proove their faith and love?
Which tooke away hir feare.

A token they gave hir that day, and I To hange over the wall, day day and I Hir house thereby did fland firmely, as I When all the rest did fall.

And Iofua to fpyes did faye and VV Performe your promis made; 00 saloo T Who brought hir thence with hir parents And friends under hir thade: 101 id 144.

After we read of Indahs feed, and one tooke hir to his wife, we among And through the faine Christ lefts with Which is the Lord of life; I liw aliw all.

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To love and logde fuch fpyes,
Which now doe preach, & them ca teach
And fet before their eyes.

Their wofull case in such a place, Where soul can have no rest, And so them bring to Christ their King, VVhere they shall both be blest.

Here followeth the tryals of Queene Hefter, with hir Unckle Mordicai, that captive in Babylon, and how the Lord did highly exalt them.

Here shall we find, how Hester kind With his friend Mordicai, God turn'd their grief into relief, Their forrows into joy.

We find it thus, King Affurus
Did make a royall feaft,
VVhich lafted long, his love was ftrong,
And ftretched to the leaft.

Upon a day in Royall ray, He for Queene Vasta sent, That ech might see the Queene bewte, But (be would not consent.

VVherefore the King, about this thing, Tooke counfell of his wife,
VVho told him hence a great offence.
Might to them all arife.
Their wifes might fay, shall we obey,

Queene Vafta bath deny'd, Thus shall ech man be vexed than, His wife will him deryde. These wise then sayd, seeke for a mayd. Throughout your Kingdoms all,
And let your grace give hir the place,
Which did to Hester fall.

For the was faire, had godly care, For which the Lord hir bleft, That the found grace for the Kings face, And Vaftas roome poffert.

She brought to light all Hamans spite, That would the Iewes destroy, The ground of this envy of his He tooke from Mordicai.

Who did refort, and fat in porte-Of King Affurus place, And fatte his life from men of strife, Who afterward found grace.

This Hamans head was exalted, And lifted up to hie, All charged now to bend and bow, When as he past them by.

But Mordical would not obey.
No honour he would give
To Haggagite an hypocrite,
So longe as he did live.

He knew indeed of wicked feed, This Haman up was fprong, For he no doubt typed one out, Whose dayes will not be long.

Then he abul'd, and fore accul'd. The lewes before the King, Charging them hie with trechery, And so obtayn'd this thing.

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This King then fent incontenent Throughout his Kingdoms all, By fach a day to take away, Their lives and spoyle them all.

Then Mordicai did fast and pray, And rent his cloaths likewise, He put a sacke upon his backe, Made many bitter cryes.

With grief he goes doeth this disclose To Hester contenent, And gave hir charge with speeches large, Where to hir eare the lent.

For thus fayd he thinke not to be At rest or save thy life, Seeke to the King about this thing, To take away the strife.

It may be thought, that God hath brought
Thy here unto this place,
Herein to use, and save the Iewes,
In this their wofull case,

Hefter did fay to Mordicay, Command the Iewes fayd she, Three dayes to faste, no foode to taste, And likewise pray for me.

She was in feare, none might com neare Till he had for them fent, Yet live or dye, now goe will I, And to the Court she went.

She found time fit, the King did fit Upon his Royall feat, Which Scepter by did Hefter fpye, On whom his love was great. Held Scepter out, then gone was doubted.

On Scepter the tooke hold,

Though he fat hie, spake lovingly,

His words made Hefter bold.

Now free from feare the drew him neare,
Who alked hir intent,
What the did crave or fought to have,
He would there to confent.

She pray'd the King with him to bring This Haman to hir feaft,
This feaft the made was but a shade
To cover hir unrest.

The night before this King was fore Trouble no reft could take,
Sore was he try'd on every fide,
The Lord kept him awake.

For God would not have that forgot, Which should preserve the Iewes, Put in his mind, this way to find, His time that night to use.

He made with freed men for to read, Things that recorded were, In reading they found Mordicai, That lov'd the King fo deare.

And fav'th his life from men of strife, And yet had no reward, But now the King did minde the thing, And that with good regard.

Went to the feaft which then was dreft But Haman was not there, For he did lurke had other worke, A gallos did prepare.

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Have hanged him thereon,
The King knew not this wicked plot,
And fent for him anon.

The King did than af ke of Haman His counfell in a cafe, What he should doe to that man who He minded for to grace.

Which feare we need not name,
His minde was hie, though who but I,
VVhich turned to his shame.

Then fayd the King performe ech thing On Mordicai the Iew, This like a dart in Hamans hart His currage overthrew.

Then Mordicay he did aray
In Kingly cloathing faire,
On Kingshorfe he must mounted be
Led through the city there.

With crowne on head a great man led. His horse from place to place,
And all the way, this must be say,
Thus doeth the King him grace.

And honour fo that he may goe,
Estemed of all men,
This being done, they goe ech one
Unto his place againe.
And so that day came Mordicay.
Againe to the Kings porte,
And Haman went told this event
His friends in wofull sorte,

His wife the rest did not refrest.

Or comfort him at all, dest north and the His words the heard, and for reward.

Did prophesie his fall,

This King then fent incontenent, I For Haman to the feast, and the A This hearing than he came anan thing all His banket now was drest.

Whereat the King did as ke what thing It was that Hester sought,
Were it halfe his she should not mis
See here what love had wroght,

For to be short in humble forte, She asked but hir life, And of the lewes which made him mule, Loe here begun the strife.

She did unfold, fayd we are fold,
To be deftroyed all,
But had it beene for fervants then,
My fuire I had let fall.

The King fayd than, were is the man That doeth prefume to hie, the Then answed the Haman is hee, That fas the King for nye.

The King was wroth thood up went

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But Haman begged grace,
Of Hefter kind, but none could find,
He now had runne his race.

The banke where Helter fat, and and W The King came in, then did begin will His heart to rife thereat.

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Therewith came in his chamberlin, 2 and And told what he had feene.

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That was exceeding hie, has during and
Hamans fivent, whereon he ment to back
To hang up Mordical.

But God the Lord would not aford, That it should come to pas, But let the King Haman to bring, VVho thereon hanged was.

Queene Hefter then, begun attaine VVith mecknes and with teares, Sought of the King, that he would bring, The Iewes out of their feares.

Performed hir request,
For breake did he that trecherie,
So that the Iewes had reft.

House of Haman the King gave than To Hester that same day, Tooke Hamans ring a costly thing, And gave it Mordical.

The words of one call'd Salamon May here be feene of all, Humility (hall mount up hie. VVhen pride fhall have a fall.

O worthy Queene, here have you feene Queene Hefters Pilgrimage, VVitti great & finall, to goes it all, And hath from age to age, There are none free, if that they be Children of Abraham? 323d 270le 211 190 By faith in Christ, Some of the hiells d'W That meeke and lovely family 250201110

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VVhat had we in all dead in fin,
VVhence did this love arrie;
He lov d us first, that were acustly 1 had.
And so his entiries.

O love of loves, well he that prooves And yeelds him love againe, Counts worlds love los, se like rodroff, So be may Christ straine and first out

And that from day to day,
He faithfull is, and will doe this,
To all that him obey, will so it would not

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Yet he hath thus forbidden us, Our treasure here to lay, Where rust or mot, may cause it rot, Or theeves may take away.

Lay it with love in Heaven above, From thence it shall not part, It cannot mis, where treasure is, There also is the heart.

Paul doth confesse, that Godlynes
It is the greatest gaine,
If we consent therewith content,
For that shall still remaine.

When other stufe more then I n'ose, Shall vanish in the wind, And they no rest, that had possest, Such things as made them blind.

Th'Apostle Paul tooke vew of all Such thinges be had before, Put them to flight, set ladelight In Christ that gave him ore.

Of heavenly wealth, for his fouls health, And for good of us all, In his worke we may read and fee, His tryals were not small.

His Pilgrimage unto old age, No feare could cast him downe, For his reward, Christ had prepar'd In Heav'n for him a Crowne.

Not him alone, but, for ech one
That runne his rece throughout,
Shall have likewise a Crowne for prise,
Their is no feare or doubt.

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This Crowne for prise in Heaven it lies.
Under the Fathers hand,
This find we may, Christ is the way.
Unto our Fatherland.

Thus doeth be fay, I am the way, The truth and life alfo, And that no man without me can Vnto the Father goe.

Which shewes that we by nature be But things of little worth, For dead in sin, we must begin, To seeke a second birth,

His Kingdome we els cannot (ee, Muchles the same inherite, Except we then be borne againe Of water and of Spirit.

Which if we feeke with prayers meeke And with a lively faith, He will it give, that we may live, For it is our foules breath.

VVhich will us guyde on every side, If we there to give eare, And at the last, will set us fast, And learne us Godly seare.

Such feare as this beginning is, Of wildome from above, VVhich hath too by for company A lively faith with love.

If other feare, doe come us neare, It flandeth us in flead, It lights the mind, this shall we find, VVhen wethe Scripture read.

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It flands us by, helps memory, And brings loft things to light, It will give ftrenght, so at the lenght Falle feares must take their flight.

This gift of Christ, it is the biest, VVhich he had promised, From Heav'n to sent, unto the ent, VVe thereby might be led.

In his Gospell, and knew him well, And his Kingdome also, For want of this, many of his Did him not rightly know.

His worke then done, had overwon The Devill, Hell and Death, He came againe, to these weake men, And breathed on them breath.

Then did he call, and bad them all, Receve the holy Ghoft, And so by it, he made them fit, Which gift be never loft.

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This comforter exceedeth farms.
All comforts in the earth,
Then must we read, and take good head,
We lose not this new birth.

Though much it coft, yet may be loft, VVhich heare we shall make knowne, This Spirit is fent, and is but lent, And that to helpe our owne.

The Law doeth Paull a shadow call,

VVhose substance was in Christ,

Isac no doubt, typed him out,

VVhich was one of the hieft.

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Elaw earne first, all though the worst, The birth-right yet he got, Iacob came last, held his heele fast, And after hath his lot,

Elaw did bunte, made light account,
His birth-right quickly fold,
For cup of porrige, that could his currage,
And made his heart full cold.

The birthright gone, bleffing was none.
His betitage was loft,
Iacob was bleft, he dispossest
In Edom live he must.

The like fucces through carelefnes,
Befell unto King Saull;
The Lord did fend, him to this end,
To flay the Mallachits all.

The King he spard, had no regard,
But fought to blind Gods eyes,
Some beafts he brought, to please her
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God with a scrifice.

But all this coft was labour loft; God tooke from him that day, The spirit of grace, and in the place. Sent one did him diffnay.

As then with Soull, so now with all,
That doe his lawer abuse,
This thing doeth here learne all to seare,
And it a right to use.

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The Lord is hie, judgeth jufflie is No person doeth respect,
Both great & small, this find they shall
VVhich doe his lawes neglect.

Yet hath regard and doeth reward
As ech deserved hath,
Some through weaknes his lawes transgresse,
Yet saveth them by faith.

VVhen they repent their fins lament, And call to him for grace, He will draw neare, their prayers heare, And help them in this cale.

Thus doe will be, that all may fee Him mercifull and kinde, And will not break, a reede so weak But rather it upbinde.

Nor quench with strokes, the flex that smokes,
But rather maks it burne,
No pleasure hath in sinners death,
But seeketh his returne.

He doeth not like to Moles strike, Saying fulfill the Law, That done hath he, and yet must we Still learne to live in awe.

Law doeth relate, hewes us our flate
In finne against the hieft,
Are gone too far, like scolemaster,
It brings us backe to Christ.

Then must we learne, for to descerne, In what estate we stand, well and not said? Then if we see we saden both guide and? Christ holdeth out his hand, in a said and

Calls us anon, bids us put on
His yoke that caucis,
VVhich quicken will, and our harts fill.
VVith peace and joy of his.

Doeth us advise and learne likewise, He lowly is in heart, VVhich brings us rest, that is the best, And easeth all our smarr.

Yet are not we, now quite fet free, VVe must take up our crosse, It under goe, both too and froe, And count worlds pleasure lose.

Nor yet must we compelled be Like Symon of Syreen, Christ bare the smart, this after part, Is for Gods childeren,

To flesh and blood, this seems not good,
But flesh must beare no sway,
To sleshly lust we may not trust,
The Spirit must be our stay.

The flesh is rude, the Spirit renewde Must guyde us to the end, If we be feed, and thereby leed, Then shall we not offend.

It will us guyde on every fide, If we thereto give eare, And at the last, will fet us fast, And free us from all feare.

It will us bring to Christ our King,
At his appointed day,
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